

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : John C. Batterton et al.                      Art Unit : 2853  
Serial No. : 10/749,833                                      Examiner : Geoffrey S. Mruk  
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Title : DROP EJECTION ASSEMBLY

**MAIL STOP AF**

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

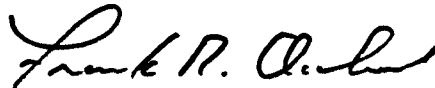
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated March 13, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-3 and 5-26.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for be extended for one month to and including July 13, 2006 is enclosed

The fees for the one month petition for extension of time (\$120) and the appeal fee (\$500) are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket Number 09991-151001.

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